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WASHINGTON AVE.'S SEWER.

WORK TO BE BEGUN ON MARCH 1 AND TO BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1.

How Bloomfield's Share of the Cost Will be Determined—The Property Benefited Will be Assessed.

Some time ago the Township Committee of Montclair made application to the Committee of this town for permission to run a trunk-line sewer through the streets of the town to connect with the union outlet sewer at Newark Avenue and Franklin Street. On Monday afternoon Committeeman E. A. Rayner, Chairman of the Sewer Committee, submitted a document to the Committee citing the conditions under which the request of Montclair would be granted.

The first enumerated the route for the sewer, which was from the Montclair line at its intersection with Washington Avenue eastward along the centre line of Washington Avenue to Franklin Street; thence south along Franklin Street to Newark Avenue.

Montclair is to construct the sewer, granting to Bloomfield a perpetual right to use it. Bloomfield is to pay such proportionate share of the cost as estimated on the basis of the enlargement of the pipes over the size that Montclair would use for its own sewage alone. That is, if Montclair intended to use a twenty-inch pipe, and by reason of the sewage flowing into it from this town a twenty-four-inch pipe will have to be used, Bloomfield will pay the difference between the twenty and twenty-four-inch pipe. Provision is also made for making connections with the sewer at intersecting streets and at such intervals as the Bloomfield Township Committee shall designate, all such connections to be brought within nine feet of the surface of the ground.

The increased cost of the work necessitated by the connections will be chargeable to Bloomfield. The work is to be commenced by March 1, 1893, and completed by June 1, 1893. Montclair is to restore the streets to as good a condition as before they were broken up. Other matters of detail will be left to be inserted in the contract to be drawn up between the two towns. Clerk Johnson was directed to transmit the documents to the Montclair Town Committee. This trunk-line sewer is designed to carry off the sewage of Montclair to the amount of 4,500,000 gallons per day. Its length through this town will be about 7,000 feet. The estimated share of the cost of construction that Montclair will have to pay is \$18,485.50. This estimate was given by Engineers Bassett and Owen last year, and can probably be safely raised fifty per cent.

As it will also be a trunk line for Bloomfield, carrying off the sewage from a large section of Glen Ridge the cost will also be considerable to this town. Property-owners on Washington Avenue will probably be directly assessed for a portion of the cost of this sewer, and a portion of it will be taxed on the town at large. Prospective benefits will be assessed on property along streets that intercept the sewer, which will become a direct assessment when a sewer is run through those streets.

The Paulist Fathers. The Paulist Fathers brought their very successful mission meetings to a close in the Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday evening last. The meetings had a powerful effect in stimulating Catholics who had grown lukewarm and indifferent in matters of religion. The record shows that 1,007 people took communion during the week. This fact gives a basis on which to estimate the total Catholic population of Bloomfield, which is put at about 1,500.

As a result of the temperance meeting on Thursday night over 400 people signed the total abstinence pledge. While a great many Protestants attended the meetings rumors that a number of them had signified their intention of changing their faith are pronounced by the Rev. J. M. Nardiello to be incorrect. The object of the meetings was to promote piety and temperance among Catholics, and not for the purpose of proselytizing. The three Protestants who are under instructions preparatory to joining the Catholic Church had taken steps in that direction before the meetings commenced, and two others were received into full membership nearly a month ago.

There Are Thousands of Them. There are thousands of poor but worthy people in our city who could get on very well if they had a good sewing machine with which to make their living. Do you know any such? Would you consider a lifelong benefit? Send them a Standard sewing machine for Christmas. We will make a special price to any one selecting a Standard before January 1 for any such person. Call at the "Domestic Art Rooms," Broad and West Park Streets, Newark.—Advt.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co., 48 Park Place, N. Y.

BROOKDALE POLITICS.

Democrats in that Section are Looking for Spoils—Why they Failed to Have a Representative on the Town Committee.

Brookdale is coming out of the backwoods. John F. Dillon made a speech in Brookdale during the recent campaign in which he is said to have taught the farmers several new tricks. "To the victors belong the spoils," dramatically exclaimed Mr. Dillon, and the farmers "caught on." In looking around for spoils the Democratic farmers of Brookdale have discovered the Brookdale Post-office, and say they are going to have it. Abraham Garrabrant, better known as "Little Abe," who recently waxed the East Jersey Water Company in the courts, is said to be slated for the Postmastership. Mr. Garrabrant is a Democrat tried and untried.

He will not have clear sailing, however, for a large portion of the people are averse to any change in the location of the Post-office, which is now located in Eugene Day's store.

It will probably require a great deal of suasion to induce Adlai to turn the edge of his axe towards Brookdale. There are bigger trees in the woods that will engage the axeman's attention for some time to come. Everybody in Brookdale knows "Little Abe," but very few people in the United States know where Brookdale is, and for that reason Mr. Day will probably remain in possession of the Post-office for some time to come.

Another matter in the political line that is prematurely agitating Brookdale is the election of Town Committeeman next spring. It is alleged that George Fisher was sold last spring by the Second Ward Republican Club. The story as briefly summed up by a well-known resident of Brookdale is as follows: It was pretty generally conceded throughout the Second Ward that Brookdale was entitled to a representative in the Township Committee. Those prominent in authority in the Second Ward Club, which is the political machine of the ward, admitted that and told the people of Brookdale to pick their man and he would be supported. There was a division of opinion as to who should be the candidate. Wilbur Brokaw and George Fisher were the two on whom the choice centred. A meeting was called and it was decided to present Mr. Fisher's name. When the primary came on the Second Ward Club failed to fulfil their promise. The people of Brookdale will place no more reliance on that organization. The intentions of the Second Ward Club towards the people of Brookdale were probably all right, but able politicians than are contained in that organization controlled affairs last spring.

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Another member said the document was no doubt a hoax, originating with some member of the company with a purpose in view. This member said that there were members of the company who never blacked their shoes in the Truck House, while there were other members who got their daily muscular exercise in that way at the expense of the whole company. It was probably intended as a hint to these latter in the interest of economy.

TO PROTECT BOOTBLACKS.

Some One Objects to the Shining of Shoes in the Truck-House.

The following letter was received by the Township Committee on Monday afternoon:

To the Honorable Township Committee of the Township of Bloomfield:

GENTLEMEN: At the meeting of the Trades Assembly held on Sunday, the 4th inst., a complaint was received from the Secretary of the Bootblack Union to the effect that your honorable body was intentionally or unintentionally interfering with the bootblack business in Bloomfield by furnishing free blacking and brushes placed at the disposal of all citizens in the Truck House your town, thereby depriving honest hard-working boys of a chance to make a living.

We trust you will do away with this practice and give the boys a chance to live. Yours respectfully,

PHILIP LOWY,

Secretary Trades Assembly.

As the document bears the date of Sunday it was thrown out as being illegal. The bootblacks whom it designed to aid are doubtless the numerous Italian boys who flock here from Newark.

Smith E. Perry says that the Committee did just right in ignoring the document. Instead of adopting means to encourage Italian boys in coming here, Mr. Perry says the Committee should devise means to keep them out of town, as they are a nuisance on account of their thieving.

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THE STAR COURSE.

Third Entertainment Next Wednesday Evening—Recitations and Music.

Do not forget that the third Star course entertainment is next Wednesday evening, December 14th. The favorite reader, Miss Florence Russell, is the star attraction. The committee, as an extra, also announce that an orchestra, under the direction of Mr. C. N. Parker, will assist, and that Mr. Louis E. Blise will render a cornet solo, all of which promises delightful entertainment.

If you wish to have a say as to which lecture Mr. Ragan shall give in the Star Course January 11th. You can cast your vote at Miss Russell's recitals. The subjects to choose between are, "Shakespeare and the Avon," and "Paris, the Magnificent." Only those who attend Miss Russell's entertainment will be allowed the privilege of a vote. The decision will be announced from the platform.

Sale of the Y. M. C. U. Building.

The Young Men's Catholic Union have sold their building on Bloomfield Avenue to the Consolidated Pin Company, whose factory is in the rear of it. It is said to be the intention of the pin company to open a street through the property leading from the avenue down to their factory. The price paid for the property was \$3,000.

The Young Men's Association has obtained new headquarters by purchasing the old Catholic Church for which they paid \$6,000. They are having it remodeled to suit their purposes. They will add a second story to twenty-five feet of the front portion of the building. The top floor of this addition will be used as a meeting room. The first floor will be divided into two rooms, a reading and a billiard room. The balance of the main edifice will be used as a gymnasium. It is the intention to have bowling alleys put in the basement in the near future. The congregation are well pleased that the old church edifice has been disposed of in this manner. It practically remains a portion of the church property.

To Manufacture Ice.

Ice is to be manufactured on an extensive scale in the winter months. A plant for that purpose will be erected on the property on the southwest side of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad on Glenwood Avenue. The system to be used is a new and improved one.

4-Past about Smoking.

We have positive proof that there are great benefits to be derived from smoking—in the results attained from the smoking of "FERRIS" DELICIOUS HAMS AND BACON.—Advt.

He Was Avenged.

"Retributive justice must fulfil its destiny." "Base ingratitude will not go unpunished." To those who believe that a Providence directs the political as well as the moral and spiritual affairs of men the above trite axioms are self-evident. The student discovers their frequent exemplification throughout the pages of history. The diligent reader of Gibbon, Hume, Motley, Macaulay, or the Bible is also impressed with another frequently recurring fact—that the nucleus around which history revolves is sometimes an event of the most trifling importance, and apparently dissociated of itself with the future, and it is only in years, after a careful process of retrospection, that it is discovered to be the basis from which a long chain of historical events affecting the destinies of mankind can be traced.

The recent overwhelming defeat of the Republican party will be noted in history. Historians will entertain the future reader with an array of important causes leading up to the momentous event. Their diagnosis of the case may be largely correct, but the ever-prevailing weakness of humanity to pass over pell-mell in its desire to heave boulders may result in the primary cause being overlooked and entirely ignored.

For the edification of the future writer of history the following narrative is recorded: William Henry Grosbong was born in Bloomfield about the time of the first Lincoln campaign. William H. Grosbong early became an enthusiastic Republican. In the first Grant campaign he was too young to take an active part, but among the small boys of his day the Republican campaign clubs had no more enthusiastic follower than "Willie" Grosbong. In the second Grant campaign the Bloomfield Republican Battery found its ranks enriched by the addition of "Bill" Grosbong, and the Battery never had a stancher and truer member than Mr. Grosbong, and no one in Bloomfield has stood more loyally by the Republican party. He has been a leading spirit in the Battery in every campaign from Grant to Harrison. Mr. Grosbong's patriotism has not been confined alone to politics. He has been a prime mover in every patriotic demonstration in Bloomfield, national holidays not excepted.

For years of loyal service in the cause of Republicanism Mr. Grosbong never asked any reward until the free postal delivery service went into operation, when he made the very first application that was presented for the position of letter-carrier. His application was refused, and a life-long and loyal servant was turned aside and strangers and others, who if they were Republicans kept the fact well hidden from view, were appointed. To say that Mr. Grosbong feels that he has been unjustly treated by the Republican party is putting it mildly. If Mr. Grosbong were addicted to profanity his indignation was such that he would have been strongly tempted to swear. Mr. Grosbong, when his application was refused, was tendered the position of assistant carrier, but he manfully refused it. He felt that he had been treated ungratefully and that a day of retribution was at hand.

The Star of November came with its disastrous results to the Republican party. Did base ingratitude receive its punishment? Did retributive justice fulfil its destiny? Was William Henry Grosbong avenged? Great events have had their foundation in smaller trifles.

The Township Committee.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday afternoon. Mr. Rayner of the Sewer Committee stated that the Town Council's opinion in regard to the restoration of the streets torn up by the sewer contractors, was to the effect that the town should hold the city of Orange responsible. Mr. Rayner also stated that at a meeting of the Orange Sewer Committee he had laid the matter before them, and Orange would take immediate steps to compel the contractors to make the proper repairs to the streets.

Treasurer Stout submitted his monthly statement. The balance in the bank to the credit of the town on November 1 was \$8,785.75. Received from the Collector during the month \$5,000; balance in bank at close of the month \$2,460.49. The total receipts from the Collector during the current year for current taxes, arreages, interest, saloon licensees, huckster's licenses, and sidewalk was \$52,695.55.

Contract was made about the 1st of November for the construction of a sewer from the Orange line on Crown Street by the excavation of the sewer trench. It was stated that the contractors were not through with the work there, and the water could not be turned on again until they were.

The resignations of John R. Wilde and William H. Eliot from Active Hose Company, No. 2, were received and accepted. William Hoffman of the same company was granted an exemption certificate. George Bernhart's resignation from Excelsior Hose Company was accepted.

MORE DELAY.

The Town Committee Defer Action in the Bell Tower Matter.

The matter of leasing the bell and tower by the Township Committee from the Truck Company is still in suspense. The pecuniary responsibility for damages resulting in the event of the fall of the tower still rests on the Truck Company. It was taken for granted that the matter was definitely settled, and that all that remained to do was the formal execution of the lease. Mr. Rayner, Chairman of the Fire Committee, presented the lease document for signature at the meeting of the Town Committee on Monday afternoon. It had been prepared after a conference between the trustees of the Truck Company and the Fire Committee. It contained a clause which placed on the township officials the responsibility which has been an issue for some time past. A discussion ensued over the matter and was opened by Mr. Stout, who said he did not know why the town should assume the responsibility that was being urged upon it. The tower was represented to be in a very dangerous condition. He asked what the effect would be of removing the element of danger by abandoning the use of the tower.

Mr. Rayner in reply said it would deprive the Fire Department of the use of the fire-bell.

Mr. Stout asked what effect it would have on the steam-whistle, and this led to remarks about arranging for a steam-whistle at the pin factory.

Mr. Lockwood was inclined to think that the danger had been exaggerated, judging by the number that gathered in the Truck-house nightly, all of whom were aware of the alleged unsafe condition of the tower.

Mr. Beach said that the town's liability in case the lease was signed should be restricted. The town should not be held liable for injuries that might result to persons habitually in the rooms.

Mr. Oakes expressed himself emphatically against assuming responsibility under the proposed lease.

Mr. Rayner stated that he understood that the directions to the Fire Committee to draw the lease implied its acceptance by the Committee. Recourse to the minutes of the previous meeting was had and they appeared to bear out Mr. Rayner's statement.

Mesers Beach, Stout and Oakes asserted that they did not understand that to be the intention of the Committee at the time; as they understood it the Fire Committee was to prepare a document that was to be subjected to approval or rejection by the Committee.

Mr. Gilbert, who offered the motion in question, said that his motion had not been put to the meeting by the Chairman, but that the matter had simply been referred to the Fire Committee.

Mr. Stout then offered a motion that the matter be laid over until the special meeting next Monday. The motion was carried, Measrs. Rayner and Gilbert voting.

The Glen Ridge Postmastership.

Political astronomers directing their telescopes in the direction of Glen Ridge discern the four bright stars, namely, Robert S. Rudd, E. P. Mitchell, Joseph D. Gallagher, and Frank G. Tower. Rumor has it that any one of these four distinguished gentlemen can have the Glen Ridge Post-office for the asking. Glen Ridge society people would doubtless be delighted to receive letters from their hands. Viewed as a real-estate speculation it would be a capital card. While they may not indulge in dispensing letters and postage stamps, Measrs. Rudd, Mitchell, Gallagher, and Tower have perhaps already assumed the mastership of the Post-office in Glen Ridge, and the thud of Adlai's "axe" will probably not be heard there.

Union Prayer Meeting.

The monthly Union Prayer meeting will be held in the Park M. E. Church on Thursday evening next. On Friday evening, the 16th, the supervisors and visitors of the Evangelical Union will be held in the chapel of the Westminster Church.

The meetings in the Baptist Church during the week have resulted in much good. Conversions have been frequent, fully half of the new converts are young men. The special meetings will be continued next week. Those who have professed conversion have been invited, however, to a meeting specially for converts on Monday evening.

The Poor Fund.

Only \$2,400 has been received from the county for saloon licenses up to date this year. This is about \$1,000 short of the sum received from the same source last year. The disbursements for the poor account have about used up the sum available. Several licensees may be taken out at the December term of court, which will add to the poor fund.

Poor master Voorhees says the demands on the poor fund have been heavy this year.

The Westminster Fair.

"Beautiful!" "The prettiest I ever saw!" "Isn't that Grecian temple elegant?" "It's all splendid!" These and similar exclamations were heard on all sides as the people entered Westminster Chapel on Monday evening to attend the fair that had been arranged by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church. And indeed, the ladies had good cause to feel proud of their work, for the decorations and arrangements were all very beautiful and in the best of taste—all designed and executed by members of the society and church, and it was the opinion of all that no professional decorator could have done it better, if as well.

The original plan had been